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1. AFTER A "CASUAL" CONVERSATION I HAD WITH A POLITICAL LEADER LAST NIGHT I WAS ADVISED THIS MORNING THAT ALTHING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE MONDAY OCTOBER 21 AT 2 PM LOCAL TIME INSTEAD OF TUESDAY.

2. MY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER POSTPONED FROM THIS AFTERNOON UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING BECAUSE OF A FUNERAL HE MUST ATTEND TODAY. I WOULD NOT RULE OUT SIGNING DOCUMENTS MONDAY INSTEAD OF TUESDAY ALSO, BUT ODDS PROBABLY SLIM. I MIGHT MAKE THE SUGGESTION, HOWEVER.

3. CHANGE OF DATES OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING SHOULD HAVE EFFECT OF PRECLUDING SPOILER ROLE COMMUNIST MAGNUS KJARTANSSON COULD HAVE PLAYED IF MEETING HELD TUESDAY.

4. REGARDING REFTTEL (B) I SHALL INDEED RESIST ATTEMPTS TO REOPEN AGREEMENT INITIALED IN WASHINGTON.

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